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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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10 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
11 Plaintiff,

12 vs.

13 IN EQUITY  
14 3:73-CV-00183-MMD

15 ALPINE LAND & RESERVOIR COMPANY  
16 a corporation, et al,  
17 Defendant.

18 ORDER APPROVING WATER MASTER'S BUDGET FOR 2020-2021;  
19 CREATING AN ASSESSMENT TO REPLENISH THE FUND HERETOFORE  
20 ESTABLISHED TO PAY THE EXPENSE OF CONDUCTING  
21 THE WATER MASTER'S OFFICE, APPORTIONING THE COSTS  
22 THEREOF, PROVIDING THE MANNER AND METHOD OF  
23 COLLECTION THEREOF, AND DIRECTING THE DISTRIBUTION  
24 OF THE WATERS OF THE CARSON RIVER WHEN NECESSARY

25 BE IT REMEMBERED that the petition of CHAD BLANCHARD,  
26 Water Master appointed herein to administer the Final Decree  
27 entered on December 18, 1980, asking that an assessment be  
28 created to replenish the fund heretofore established to pay  
the expenses of conducting the Office of the Water Master

1 for the period from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021,  
2 and for such other action as might seem meet and proper in  
3 the premises, having been filed with the Clerk of this Court,  
4 and proper notice having been given to all parties of the  
5 filing of said petition, and all parties having the  
6 opportunity to enter objections thereto, and no objections  
7 having been entered by any party to the said petition and  
8 proposed budget and good cause appearing,  
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10 **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

11 1. That the budget submitted by the Water Master as  
12 part of his petition, is hereby approved, and the Water  
13 Master is hereby authorized and directed to pay to himself  
14 as Water Master and his staff, to employ assistants as may  
15 be necessary, and to pay all necessary expenses incurred in  
16 administering the Final Decree issued herein, as provided  
17 for in said budget.  
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19 2. That in order to provide a means for the payment  
20 of further expense of conducting the Water Master's Office,  
21 particularly for the period from October 1, 2020 to  
22 September 30, 2021, there is hereby created an assessment in  
23 the sum of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS  
24 (\$350,000.00).  
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26 3. That the water users within the Truckee-Carson  
27 Irrigation District, by and through the Truckee-Carson  
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1 Irrigation District, pay to the Water Master one-fifth (1/5)  
2 of the said assessment, to wit, the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND  
3 DOLLARS (\$70,000.00), said payment to be made on or before  
4 April 30, 2021.

5 4. That the balance of said assessment be assessed  
6 against all of the remaining water users on the Carson River,  
7 subject to the jurisdiction of this Court, on a prorata  
8 basis of FOUR DOLLARS AND 50 CENTS (\$4.50) per acre  
9 according to the water righted acreage possessed by said  
10 water users, said payments to be made to the Water Master on  
11 or before April 30, 2021, it being provided, however, that  
12 the minimum charge assessed against any water right holder  
13 shall not be less than FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS  
14 (\$45.00).  
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17 5. That the Clerk of this Court give notice of the  
18 required payments to be made by each water user by mailing a  
19 copy of this order and the notice annexed hereto to each  
20 attorney appearing of record for the plaintiff and sundry  
21 defendants in this cause within five (5) days of the entry  
22 of this order; the Water Master is further directed to give  
23 such notice to the parties hereto and their successors and  
24 assigns by publishing a copy of the notice annexed hereto in  
25 the following newspapers: Nevada Appeal, P.O. Box 2288,  
26 Carson City, Nevada, 89701; Record-Courier, P.O. Box 2288,  
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1 Carson City, Nevada 89702-2288; Lahontan Valley News, P.O.  
2 Box 1297, Fallon, Nevada 89407-1297 and Mason Valley News,  
3 P.O. Box 841, Yerington, Nevada 89447, once a week for two  
4 (2) consecutive weeks.

5 6. That the prorata amounts so assessed against the  
6 water right holders on the Carson River, on the basis of the  
7 water righted acreage possessed by said water users, shall  
8 become and be a lien against said water righted lands until  
9 paid, and that the Water Master be, and hereby is, directed  
10 to enforce the collection of said assessments, together with  
11 a reasonable late fee not less than FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00), in  
12 the manner provided by law, and is further ordered to cut  
13 off water deliveries from any water user who is in default  
14 in any said required payments.  
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16 7. That the Water Master, CHAD BLANCHARD, be and  
17 hereby is, directed to continue in effect the surety bond in  
18 the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) heretofore  
19 provided pursuant to his order of appointment for the  
20 faithful performance of his duties as custodian of such  
21 funds and the property that may be in his care.  
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23 8. That the Water Master's report and audit for the  
24 fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, shall be filed by  
25 February 15, 2022. The Water Master's report and audit for  
26 the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 is hereby approved.  
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as filed.

1           9. That the operation and administration of the Water  
2 Master's Office in administering the provisions of the Final  
3 Decree for the period from October 1, 2019 to September 30,  
4 2020 is hereby approved.  
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6           10. That the Water Master begin the distribution of  
7 the waters of the Carson River under said Final Decree on  
8 such date as the Water Master determines that the  
9 distribution of said water under his authority is necessary.  
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11           11. That the Water Master is directed to create a  
12 funded account pursuant to existing Personnel and Benefits  
13 Policy to cover the cost of continuing health insurance on  
14 qualified personnel, upon their retirement, and that the  
15 cost shall be included in the Water Master's Budget each  
16 year until such time as the earned benefit is exhausted.  
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18           DATED this 10th day of February, 2021.  
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22 DISTRICT JUDGE  
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